

**Notice No.:** 00-007  
**Date:** May 31, 2000  
**Applies to:** All Employers  
**Subject:** Contribution Rate Changes

### **Pension contribution rate changes**

Due to legislation passed during the 2000 legislative session, **effective July 1, 2000**, contribution rates will decrease for Plan 1 of the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System (LEOFF) and for the Washington State Patrol Retirement System (WSPRS). In order to fund pension enhancements also passed in the 2000 legislative session, contribution rates will increase for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and the LEOFF system, **effective September 1, 2000**. Please refer to the attached charts for contribution rates and effective dates for each system and plan.

### **Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) administrative rate change**

For all LEOFF employers, the temporary increase of the DRS administrative rate will end **effective July 1, 2000**. This increase was necessary to fund the LEOFF Plan 1 medical study by the Office of the State Actuary (OSA) authorized during the 1999 legislative session.

### **Questions?**

Please contact Employer Support Services at (360) 664-7200 or 1-800-547-6657, if you have any questions regarding this DRS Notice.

This Notice can be accessed on the DRS Web site at <http://www.wa.gov/DRS/employer>.

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Director

<b>Contribution Rates Effective July 1, 2000</b> <b>(Rates that Will Change are Shown in Bold)</b>				
	Plan 1		Plan 2	
<b>Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)</b>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Member Contribution Rate	6.00%	0.0600	1.54%	0.0154
Employer Contribution Rate	3.81%*	0.0381*	3.81%*	0.0381*
<b>PERS State Government Elected Officials</b>				
Member Contribution Rate	7.50%	0.0750	1.54%	0.0154
Employer Contribution Rate	5.60%*	0.0560*	3.81%*	0.0381*
<b>Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)</b>				
Member Contribution Rate	6.00%	0.0600	1.85%	0.0185
Employer Contribution Rate **	6.26%*	0.0626*	6.26%*	0.0626*
<b>TRS State Government Elected Officials</b>				
Member Contribution Rate	7.50%	0.0750	1.85%	0.0185
Employer Contribution Rate **	6.26%*	0.0626*	6.26%*	0.0626*
<b>Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System (LEOFF)</b>				
Cities, Counties, Fire Districts, etc.				
Member Contribution Rate	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	5.41%	0.0541
Employer Contribution Rate	<b>0.23%*</b>	<b>0.0023*</b>	<b>3.48%*</b>	<b>0.0348*</b>
State Contribution Rate	X	X	2.16%	0.0216
Ports and Universities				
Member Contribution Rate	X	X	5.41%	0.0541
Employer Contribution Rate	X	X	<b>5.64%*</b>	<b>0.0564*</b>
<b>Washington State Patrol Retirement System (WSPRS)</b>				
Member Contribution Rate	<b>3.00%</b>	<b>0.0300</b>	X	X
Employer Contribution Rate	0.00%	0.0000	X	X

\* Includes an administrative expense rate of 0.23 percent.

\*\* Rates are the same for TRS Plan 3.

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	Plan 1		Plan 2	
<b>Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)</b>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Member Contribution Rate	6.00%	0.0600	<b>2.43%</b>	<b>0.0243</b>
Employer Contribution Rate	<b>4.67%*</b>	<b>0.0467*</b>	<b>4.67%*</b>	<b>0.0467*</b>
<b>PERS State Government Elected Officials</b>				
Member Contribution Rate	7.50%	0.0750	<b>2.43%</b>	<b>0.0243</b>
Employer Contribution Rate	<b>6.89%*</b>	<b>0.0689*</b>	<b>4.67%*</b>	<b>0.0467*</b>
<b>Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)</b>				
Member Contribution Rate	6.00%	0.0600	<b>3.01%</b>	<b>0.0301</b>
Employer Contribution Rate **	<b>7.33%*</b>	<b>0.0733*</b>	<b>7.33%*</b>	<b>0.0733*</b>
<b>TRS State Government Elected Officials</b>				
Member Contribution Rate	7.50%	0.0750	<b>3.01%</b>	<b>0.0301</b>
Employer Contribution Rate **	<b>7.33%*</b>	<b>0.0733*</b>	<b>7.33%*</b>	<b>0.0733*</b>
<b>Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System (LEOFF)</b>				
Cities, Counties, Fire Districts, etc.				
Member Contribution Rate	0.00%	0.0000	<b>6.78%</b>	<b>0.0678</b>
Employer Contribution Rate	0.23%*	0.0023*	<b>4.30%*</b>	<b>0.0430 *</b>
State Contribution Rate	X	X	<b>2.71%</b>	<b>0.0271</b>
Ports and Universities				
Member Contribution Rate	X	X	<b>6.78%</b>	<b>0.0678</b>
Employer Contribution Rate	X	X	<b>7.01%*</b>	<b>0.0701*</b>
<b>Washington State Patrol Retirement System (WSPRS)</b>				
Member Contribution Rate	3.00%	0.0300	X	X
Employer Contribution Rate	0.00%	0.0000	X	X

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